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Discuss with Dr Kulpa & Bob Singel

1. Background (and wisdom?) & talk NRC and C/C. Persuasion
2. Current question by DIA & mention OPIC

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(S) NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL DE POIX, DIA

SUBJECT: Overseas Processing and Interpretation Centers

As you are aware, the National Reconnaissance Office has supported the two Overseas Processing and Interpretation Centers in Asia and Europe, based upon policies and procedures contained in USIB-D-46.1/2, June 21, 1967. Our interest in the OPIC operation has been in the potential support required to process imagery for missions flown under NRO auspices.

Historically there has been only slight need for OPIC support to NRO missions. Flights have been conducted only infrequently, and have, selectively, been processed at Eastman Kodak in lieu of using the OPICS.

The National Reconnaissance Program Executive Committee decided in October and November 1973 to consolidate all U-2 assets within the Air Force which will result in abolishing the IDEALIST fleet. This will result in no operating aircraft funded by the NRO; however, the Secretary of the Air Force has agreed to make them available to carry out any future missions of this nature over denied territories.

For these reasons NRO support to the OPICS is no longer viable, and funds for further provisions for OPIC support have been deleted from the NRP. All equipment which has been furnished by the NRO to the OPICS will be left in place, but we will not be in a position to provide maintenance, personnel, or other support in the future.

I plan to continue NRO support for the remainder of this Fiscal Year, but not beyond. This will require modification

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of the chartering document, USIB-D-46.1/2, and I have directed the NRO Staff to work with the COMIREX for this purpose. I am confident that revised procedures can be implemented which will satisfy the national mission charged to the OPICS.

James W. Plummer

cc: Chairman, COMIREX
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